



**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: **Dong et al.**  
Serial No.: **09/676,768**  
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Entitled: **POLYMORPHISM ANALYSIS BY NUCLEIC ACID STRUCTURE PROBING**  
Group No.: **1634**  
Examiner: **Whisenant**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.